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Tam van Alphen


Absolute chaos and confusion in Brisbane schools as @AnnastaciaMP tells parents to pick kids up from school ... then changes her message 15 mins later. Chaos reigns supreme once again in schools @qldpol

 **Tim Mander**  
twitter.com

TV Mander on to it

Was not what Prem

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TV Was not what Prem said though - she was clear in presser

Thu, 3 Mar, 12:07 pm  
Shane Doherty left the conversation.

Zoe Russell

ZR Its the lack of clarity in early social posts

Jon Persley

JP Not helpful Zoe. Can this convo end pls.

Thu, 3 Mar, 1:41 pm

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**From:** Sharon Durham  
**Sent:** Thursday, 3 March 2022 12:25 PM  
**To:** Fiona McNamara; Shane Doherty  
**Cc:** Kate Talbot; Tam van Alphen; @Premiers Media; Kerryn Manifold; Annamika Calcino  
**Subject:** RE: For urgent approval - media statement re picking up kids and closures tomorrow

It's all schools – Catholics and ISQ have been notified.

**From:** Fiona McNamara <Fiona.McNamara@ministerial.qld.gov.au>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 3 March 2022 12:23 PM  
**To:** Shane Doherty <Shane.Doherty@ministerial.qld.gov.au>  
**Cc:** Kate Talbot <Kate.Talbot@ministerial.qld.gov.au>; Sharon Durham <Sharon.Durham@ministerial.qld.gov.au>; Tam van Alphen <Tam.VanAlphen@ministerial.qld.gov.au>; @Premiers Media <premiers.media@ministerial.qld.gov.au>; Kerryn Manifold <Kerryn.Manifold@ministerial.qld.gov.au>; Annamika Calcino <Annamika.Calcino@ministerial.qld.gov.au>  
**Subject:** Re: For urgent approval - media statement re picking up kids and closures tomorrow

Sorry this needs to be specific that is state schools.

Sent from my iPhone

On 3 Mar 2022, at 12:19 pm, Shane Doherty <Shane.Doherty@ministerial.qld.gov.au> wrote:

Hold please

Sent from my iPhone

On 3 Mar 2022, at 11:55 am, Kate Talbot <Kate.Talbot@ministerial.qld.gov.au> wrote:

Confirming one line has been added to the release under the list:

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On 3 Mar 2022, at 11:43, Sharon Durham  
<[Sharon.Durham@ministerial.qld.gov.au](mailto:Sharon.Durham@ministerial.qld.gov.au)> wrote:

Thanks Tam

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**From:** Tam van Alphen <[Tam.VanAlphen@ministerial.qld.gov.au](mailto:Tam.VanAlphen@ministerial.qld.gov.au)>  
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**To:** Shane Doherty <[Shane.Doherty@ministerial.qld.gov.au](mailto:Shane.Doherty@ministerial.qld.gov.au)>; Kate Talbot <[Kate.Talbot@ministerial.qld.gov.au](mailto:Kate.Talbot@ministerial.qld.gov.au)>; @Premiers Media <[premiers.media@ministerial.qld.gov.au](mailto:premiers.media@ministerial.qld.gov.au)>  
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Looping in our digital team, so current messaging on socials can be updated for consistency.

Thank you

Tam

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**Subject:** Re: For urgent approval - media statement re picking up kids and closures tomorrow

Good

Get grace on radio

Sent from my iPhone

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# Education Socials



Thu, 3 Mar, 11:29 am

Kate Talbot

KT

Guys that post from Prem is causing issues

It's word for word what she said sorry

Kate Talbot

KT

People aren't looking at the comment that says it's specific regions

Oh yep

Kate Talbot

They're treating it as entire SEQ

Other MPs are sharing it as entire SEQ

KT

This is causing major issues please update asap

What wording would you



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What wording would you like us to change please

Kate Talbot



The comment needs to be in the main post

We have a lot going on would be best if you provide as we're just going with what the Premier says + talking points

Kate Talbot

It's only certain regions not all of SEQ, that's what Prem said word for word

- the northern Moreton Bay region
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- Wide Bay
- all the way up to Bundaberg



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### Education Socials



Yep our posts says South East areas affected by flooding and storms - will update now with specific regions

Updated



Author

**Anastacia Palaszczuk MP**

The Bureau of Meteorology is warning of dangerous and potentially life-threatening storms for the northern Moreton Bay region, Sunshine Coast and Fraser Coast. Unstable weather conditions are expected to continue throughout today. As a precaution, parents should be collecting children from school when it is safe to do so.

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Author

**Anastacia Palaszczuk MP**

Schools will be open tomorrow to essential workers. In all other places, it is the school's decision based on the impact of floods and storms in their location.

Just now Like Reply

Comments updated again with info from Shane FYI

Kate Talbot



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**From:** Ministerial Media Statements QLD <no-reply@statements.qld.gov.au>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 3 March 2022 12:00 PM  
**To:** @Premiers.Social  
**Subject:** South East Queensland weather schools update



**Minister for Education, Minister for Industrial Relations  
and Minister for Racing**  
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**Sent:** Friday, 4 March 2022 2:44 PM  
**To:** @Premiers.Social  
**Subject:** Minister thanks school communities for clean-up efforts



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**Photos and videos from Minister Grace's visits to Milton State School and Aviation State High School are available here:**

**[https://www.dropbox.com/sh/4hehz4eqb3tyatb/AAB8sevmMr0Qi6Wsu3\\_U9O0Aa?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/sh/4hehz4eqb3tyatb/AAB8sevmMr0Qi6Wsu3_U9O0Aa?dl=0)**

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**To:** @Premiers Media  
**Cc:** Kate Talbot; Fiona McNamara  
**Subject:** Education - MR school clean up - 4 March 22  
**Attachments:** 04 March - Schools cleaning up after floods - MR (003) (003).docx

Hi all,

Please find attached a MR regarding schools cleaning up after the floods. Kerryn – this is the one you discussed with Kate earlier.

This is to back in messaging from today and put out some proactive and positive comms. We can also include a Dropbox link with photos from the Milton SS and Aviation High visits this week.

Thanks  
Annamika



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